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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF STORY FRENCH NUCLEAR SALE TO KOREA WHICH APPEARED IN PERISCOPE SECTION OF JANUARY 26 NEWSWEEK ASIA EDITION:

BEGIN TEXT:

NEW RULES FOR NUKES
RULES TO CONFINE THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY ARE IN FOR STRINGENT TIGHTENING ON TWO FRONTS. THE SEVEN MAJOR NUCLEAR NATIONS - THE U.S., FRANCE, BRITAIN, CANADA, WEST GERMANY, JAPAN AND THE U.S.S.R - ARE READY TO SIGN AN ACCORD PUTTING NEW CONTROLS ON SALES OF ATOMIC FUEL, PLANTS AND TECHNOLOGY. THE PACT, WHICH FOLLOWS A SERIES OF MEETINGS AMONG THE SEVEN, WILL SPECIFICALLY BAR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF "RETREATMENT PLANTS", WHICH CAN BE USED TO PRODUCE PLUTONIUM, A KEY INGREDIENT OF NUCLEAR BOMBS. FRANCE REPORTEDLY WILL DROP ITS OFFER TO SELL SUCH PLANTS TO SOUTH KOREA AND PAKISTAN. AND IN THE U.S., CONGRESS PLANS TO RESTUDY ALL NUCLEAR EXPORT CONTROLS. THE INVESTIGATION WILL LOOK INTO FORD ADMINISTRATION PLANS

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TO PROVIDE EGYPT WITH NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND RECENT SALES OF NUCLEAR FUEL TO INDIA AND SOUTH KOREA.
END TEXT.
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